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The reply filed on 2/05/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action, mailed 11/21/00, because: newly amended claims 1-12 and 22-33 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally elected. Applicant previously elected claims drawn to an antibody in a paper filed 2/02/98. The newly amended claims are drawn to a patentably distinct method of identifying an antibody. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. As the amended Application now contains no claims reading on the elected invention, the reply filed on 2/05/01 is considered to be non-responsive.

Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Dr. Gerald Ewoldt whose telephone number is (703) 308-9805.

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